

# Michigan Clean Fleet Conference

## Panel Discussion: Alternative Fuels

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# Energy Policy Act of 1992

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- Started Model Year 1997
- Federal, State and Alternative Fuel Providers
- 50 or more light duty vehicles (LDV) and 20 or more can be centrally fueled
- 90% of light-duty buys have to be alternative fueled

# Qualified Alternative Fuels

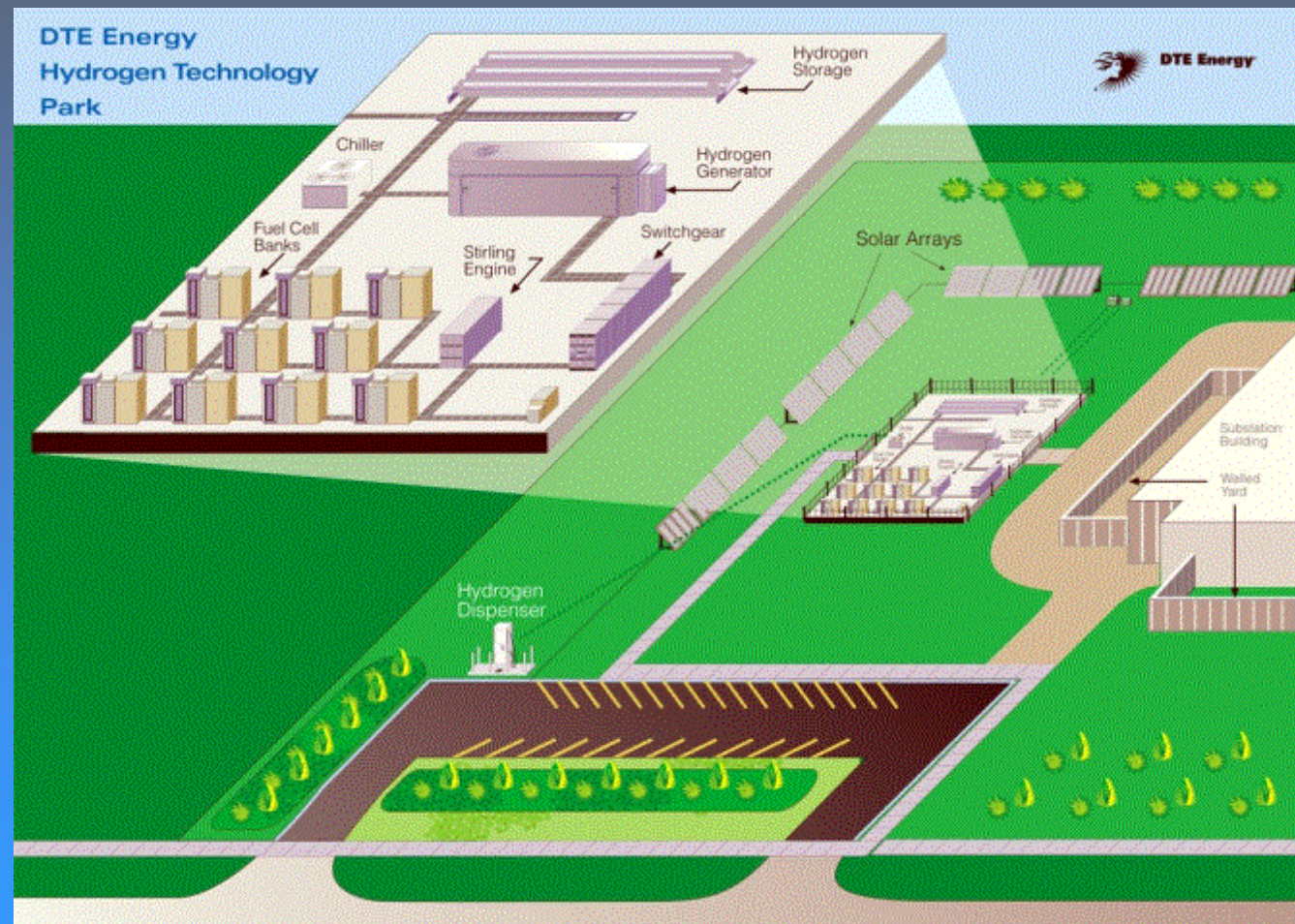
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- Electricity
- Natural Gas (Compressed or Liquefied)
- Propane
- E85
- Methanol
- Biodiesel (added Jan. 2001)
- Hydrogen

# Hydrogen Project Overview

## System Attributes:

- End-to-end hydrogen energy system
- Electrolysis-based hydrogen production
- On-site renewable energy source
- Fuel cell-based power generation
- Vehicle re-fueling
- Remotely operated & controlled



Southfield, MI

# Objectives

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- Demonstrate an end-to-end, multi-use hydrogen energy station in order to:
  - Test on-site, co-production of hydrogen for stationary fuel cell power and vehicle fueling applications
  - Identify the technical and economic drivers of system performance
  - Validate component and system technologies
- Develop applications experience in hydrogen energy systems
- Contribute to development of relevant safety standards and protocols for hydrogen-based power systems.
- Evaluate the market opportunities for hydrogen energy systems.
- Educate the public on hydrogen-based energy systems.

# Interactions & Collaborations

## Lawrence Technological University

- Data collection & analysis
- Project to serve as ‘working laboratory’ in new alternative energy curriculum

## University of Michigan

- Economic Model
- Market Assessment

## BP

- Infrastructure partner for DOE Hydrogen Fleet Demonstration project
- Providing best practices/lessons learned from EU and other hydrogen refueling installation experiences

## DaimlerChrysler

- Vehicle partner for DOE Hydrogen Fleet Demonstration project

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# Installed System



# Dispenser





# Hydrogen Customers



- Inergy Automotive
- Daimler-Chrysler
- Wayne State University
- City of Farmington Hills
- Ford Motor Company
- City of Taylor

# CNG

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- Compressed Natural Gas
- Stored in vehicles at 3,000 to 3,600 psi special tanks
- Fuel delivery system



# CNG Safety

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## ■ Fuel

- Natural Gas is lighter than air
- Narrow combustion range 5%-15% gas to air ratio
- High ignition temperature of approx. 1350 degrees F
- Virtually non-carcinogenic

## ■ Vehicle

- Cylinders are safer than gasoline tanks
- Crash tested
- Lock-on fuel nozzle & check valves

# CNG Fueling Stations

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- Fast fill, publicly accessible sites
- Time fill, private fueling



# Why CNG

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## ■ Economic Benefits

- Price difference over gasoline
- Availability of natural gas
- Vehicle life & maintenance cost

## ■ Environmental Benefits

- Cleanest internal combustion engine
- 90% reduction in reactive hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide & air toxin emissions
- No liquid spills



# Vehicle Options

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- Original Equipment Manufacturer Product
  - GM & Honda
- Limited After-Market Conversions
- On-Road Product for Medium & Heavy Duty
- Off-Road Product Available for Tugs, Forklifts & Zamboni's

# Look Who's Already Enjoying CNG

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- DTE Energy
- Ford Motor
- General Motors
- Detroit DOT
- Airlines Parking
- E-Z Ride
- Washtenaw County
- Wayne County
- City of Ann Arbor
- Ann Arbor Public Schools
- East Lansing Police
- U.S. Government
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Wayne State University
- State of Michigan
- U.S. Military
- Windsor Casinos
- Bluewater Transit
- U.S. Postal Service
- SEMCO Energy
- Eastern MI University
- Muskegon Transit Authority
- City of Taylor
- Consumers Energy
- City of Detroit
- USF Holland
- American Honda Motors

# Alternative Fuel Questions

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